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REMARKS

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- On 10 August 1953, trucks with engineer equipment, an amphibious vehicle and an officer with a number of soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the yard of the Eugen Kaserne in St Poelten (O 49/W 38). Thirty-six troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, armed with submachine guns and carrying blankets left the Rainer Kaserne toward the Stadtwald (municipal forest). Jeep and truck were seen in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Trucks and sedan the latter with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered, and trucks and jeep all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left, the Franz Josef Kaserne. The barrier there was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. A local resident stated that a Soviet administrative officer had been retransferred to St Poelten after 4 years of service at Amstetten (O 49/W 27) and Allentsteig (O 49/R 53).

- On 10 August, 3 T-34 tanks were cleaned, and 7 trucks and 2 jeeps were seen, in Camp Spratzern (O 49/W 88). Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation trucks all driven by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

- On 7 August, troops seen entering and leaving the former insane asylum in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26) wore black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 soldiers drilled with rifles in the yard, and an undetermined number of troops towed guns of an undetermined type. Four SU-76 guns, 34 trucks and 4 jeeps were seen in the installation. Motor vehicles seen radio truck and jeep all driven by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

 Comment. The information indicates no major changes in the occupation of St Poelten, Camp Spratzern and Mauer Oehling. The motor vehicles seen at the three posts belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, except for two which cannot be identified.

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